

## **Lt. Governor John Garamendi's Letter to the Governor on Looming Executive Order**

### **□ To Reduce the Minimum Wage of 200,000 State Workers**

**SACRAMENTO** - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi delivered the following letter today to Governor Schwarzenegger asking him not to issue an executive order to reduce the minimum wage of 200,000 state workers to the federal minimum wage of \$6.55 an hour.

July 29, 2008

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor of California

State Capitol Building, 1st Floor

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I write to you today regarding the proposed executive order to reduce the minimum wage of 200,000 of California's state workers to the federal minimum wage of \$6.55 an hour.

As you contemplate signing this executive order, please ask yourself – how would you feed and care for your family on \$262 per week (\$1,048 per month)? How would your hardworking staff fare on these minimal earnings? Could you and your family do it for one week?

It is our duty, as elected officials of this great State, to find solutions to the many challenging problems that face California, such as the state budget. Those solutions should always look to improve the quality of life for all Californians, not impede it.

Please walk a week in a state worker's shoes before you sign this executive order and imagine yourself and your family surviving on \$262 per week.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI  
Lieutenant Governor

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